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SUBJECT: ANACONDA/AIME/USSR-MIN OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY  
COOPERATION

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1. AT REQUEST OF MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY I AM  
TELEXING FOLLOWING TRANSLATION AND MAILING ORIGINAL OF DEPUTY  
MINISTER KOSTIN'S LETTER TO YOU OF JULY 27:

DEAR MR. ARBITER:

THAN YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MAY 24, 1976.

A GROUP OF FIVE SPECIALISTS HEADED BY DEPUTY MINISTER  
OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY V.S. USTINOV WOULD BE ABLE TO COME  
IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1976 FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE AMERICAN  
SOCIETY OF MINING-METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY (AIME), TAKE PART IN  
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A SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE ARIZONA MINING ASSOCIATION AND

VISIT THE ENTERPRISES MENTIONED IN YOUR EARLIER LETTER.

AT THE ARIZONA SEMINAR THE SOVIET DELEGATION CAN DELIVER  
A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT "SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL  
DEVELOPMENT OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY AND, IN PARTICULAR, OF THE  
COPPER INDUSTRY IN THE USSR."

THE QUESTION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CONSULTATION ON THE  
METALLURGICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH UDOKAN IS IMPORTANT TO US,  
AND OUR SPECIALISTS VISITING YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING  
VIEWS BOTH ON POSSIBLE MEANS OF ORGANIZING SUCH CONSULTATION IN  
THE FUTURE AND ON SEVERAL TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF  
UDOKAN'S TECHNOLOGY WHICH ARRE CROPPING UP AT THE PRESENT TIME.

YOU ARE COMPLETELY RIGHT WHEN YOU SAY IN YOUR LETTER THAT  
THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF PROCESSING PLANTS FOR MIXED  
OXIDIZED/SULFIDE ORES, IN DISTINCTION TO PURELY SULFIDE ORES, IS  
A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

SINCERELY, V.N. KOSTIN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF NON-FERROUS  
METALLURGY.

END QUOTE

2. WHEN DELIVERING LETTER, A.P. GORYACHEV, MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF  
PROTOCOL AND PROBABLE DELEGATION INTERPRETER, SAID MINISTRY PREFERRED  
A 16-DAY PROGRAM, ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY VIA SU-317  
AND LEAVING NEW YORK TWO WEEKS LATER ON THURSDAY VIA SU-312. HE  
GAVE SEPT 21 AND OCT 6 AS HYPOTHETICAL ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATES  
BUT SAID DELEGATION WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO ARRIVE WEEK LATER ON

SEPT 28.

3. ACCORDING TO GORYACHEV, USTINOV IS DEPUTY MINISTER RESPONSIBLE  
FOR HEAVEIER NON-FERROUS METALS, PRINCIPALLY COPPER. HE HAD  
BEEN DIRECTOR FOR SOME YEARS OF LARGE TITANIUM-MAGNESIUM COMPLEX  
IN ZAPOROZH'YE BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POSITION IN 1976. HE  
WAS BADLY BURNED IN HELICOPTER DISASTER AFTER BECOMING DEPUTY MINISTER

BUT IS NOW WORKING FULL TIME AGAIN DESPITE SOME DISABILITIES.  
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4. COMMENT: WHILE KOSTIN'S LETTER LACKS SEVERAL SPECIFICS YOU  
HAD REQUESTED, I BELIEVE BLANKS CAN BE FILLED IN QUICKLY WITH PUSH  
FROM YOUR SIDE. IF YOU CAN CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF 16-DAY PROGRAM  
BEGINNING SEPT 21 OR SEPT 28, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY TELEX. I  
WILL SO INFORM KOSTIN AND PRESS MINISTRY FOR EXACT TOPICS THEIR  
PAPER WILL COVER AND NAMES OF OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS(WHO ONLY  
AWAIT MINISTER'S APPROVAL, ACCORDING TO GORYACHEV).

5. REGARDS, TODD STEWART, US COMMERCIAL OFFICE, MOSCOW.  
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